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1. A ball bearing factory is being built on the west bank of the Turiec River at the foot of the Mala Fatra Mountains in the town of Turciensky Svaty Martin (Q50/U 69).
2. When completed the plant will be composed of five buildings covering an area 1,500 meters long and 500 meters wide, but only one building has been finished so far. Some of the buildings are to be dug underground, probably into the side of the adjacent mountain. About 2,000 men are working on the construction project. Some of the workers are housed in the former billets of the 24th Tank Brigade.
3. On the opposite bank of the river, a factory employing 1,500 workers produces cellulose.

Encl: Chart of the ball bearing factory area

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